



St. Joseph School

10 School Hill Road, Baltic, CT 06330

Under the guidance of Saint Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal church, Saint Joseph School endeavors to achieve academic excellence in a faith-filled and safe environment. School staff and parents collaborate to develop students' spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical well-being in a traditional Catholic setting.

April 17, 2024

Dear Parents,

A huge welcome to all of our families as you return to school after a hopefully restful spring vacation. It was a good break for all of us.

It was good to see many of our families at our Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle. I realize that having this event at the end of the spring vacation presented some challenges. Overall, everyone seemed to have a very delightful evening. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus who made this delicious dinner possible, especially Mr. Robert Landolphi, who headed up the great cooking, I would also like to thank those who helped set up the gym, Mr. Tom O'Callaghan, Mr. Brian Daly,,Mrs. Angela Fournier, Mrs. Darlene FitzGerald, Mrs. Amy Garganese, Mrs. Carol Harkness, Miss Joan Pagliuso, and those who helped clean up the gym afterwards. Also, many thanks to your, our parents, who provided the items for the classroom baskets for the raffle.

We are currently celebrating Spirit Week, and Sister M. Loreto and the Student Council have planned some fun activities which our students are enjoying very much. We will end this week with the Bowling Tournament, which concludes with the eighth grade challenging the staff!!! We are also having our Penny Challenge as well, and half of the proceeds will go to St. Jude's Hospital, and the other half will go to our Boiler Fund. Our students are also having fun with this. The best part of this will be on Friday when all the students are trying to get as many pennies as possible in their own classroom container. The winning class in grades pre-k – four and the winning class in grades five – eight will have a dress down and a pizza party. This certainly is a fun way to help a good cause!

Coming up on Saturday, April 20th, is our Talent Show in our gym followed by a bonfire in our playground. We hope to see many families here for this event. It was very well attended last year, and we hope to see the same this year. **Please note that the correct time for this is 6:30 p.m. I apologize for the misprint in the April 3rd letter.**

We are planning an Open House on Wednesday, April 24th, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you know of anyone who might be interested in our school, please let them know about this.

We are having a St. Joseph School Parent Group meeting on Tuesday, April 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. If you must bring your children to this meeting, please have them bring something quiet to work on in the gym. If the children are to play in the playground, then we must have two adults be with them on the playground.

May I remind you to please get your re-registrations in ASAP. Please remember that any re-registrations that come in after May 1st, the fee is \$100.00.

We will begin the Spring NWEA testing starting next week. It is important that our students be present for this testing, so please make every effort to have your child here.

Enclosed are the following:

- Letter from Mrs. Strickland
- Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year
- Order forms Spirit Wear

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, April 20th Talent Show and Bonfire starting at 6:30 p.m. in the gym

Tuesday, April 23rd St. Joseph School Parent Group meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the gym

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Friday, May 3rd First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.
12:30 p.m. dismissal with aftercare until 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4th Craft Fair 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the school gym

Thursday, May 9th Ascension Thursday Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.

Friday, May 10th Eighth Grade trip

Saturday, May 11th First Holy Communion Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, May 15th Pre-k-grade 4 field trip to Charlotte's Web in New London

Thursday, April 16th Field trip for grades five – eight to Sturbridge Village

Saturday, May 18th Spring Concert and Art show at 7:00 p.m. in St. Michael Center
All students are to attend.

God bless you and have a wonderful week.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,



Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal